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**NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ISSUES NOTICES OF
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS TO NEVADA POWER COMPANY**

NDEP seeks to bring the Reid Gardner generating station into compliance with the Title V permit of the Clean Air Act

CARSON CITY— The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection today announced the issuance of numerous Notices of Alleged Violations (NOAV's) to the Nevada Power Company. The Reid Gardner generating station in Clark County allegedly failed to comply with the requirements of the Title V air quality operating permit.

"Following inspection of the Reid Gardner generating station on August 17 and subsequent review of records, NDEP determined that there was sufficient evidence to issue notices of alleged violations," said Mike Yamada, compliance supervisor for the Air Pollution Control Bureau. "In short, Nevada Power Company failed to implement the schedule of compliance, and monitoring and record-keeping requirements, as specified by the permit."

Title V permits are issued to reduce violations of air pollution laws and to provide clear guidelines to aid in enforcement of these laws. The permit requires the source to submit regular reports about tracking mechanisms for emissions of pollution and the controls in place to limit these emissions. Also required are monitoring and record-keeping to assure compliance.

The Reid Gardner station has four coal-fired steam boiler units built between 1965 and 1983. The most recent operating permit was renewed until the new Title V requirements. Nevada Power Company is undertaking corrective actions to address the reporting and monitoring requirements of the permit.

"NDEP and Nevada Power Company will continue to hold discussions to determine the extent of non-compliance and penalties," Yamada said. "The goal is to bring the plant into compliance."

"Our role as regulators is to administer the air pollution control program to protect human health and the environment," Leo Drozdoff, NDEP administrator, said. "The Reid Gardner station does not pose an immediate health or environmental threat, however, we need to have compliance with permitting requirements to make sure that air quality standards are maintained."

For more information on NRS 445B.500 that governs the NDEP air pollution control agency regulation of power plants, visit the Bureau of Air Pollution Control on the Web at <http://www.ndep.nv.gov/bapc/index.htm>.

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